GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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TRANSIT LOSS OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether maximum transit losses of foodgrains are caused due to lack of a proper arrangement with the railways for booking foodgrains after weighing;

(b) if so, whether Railways do not issue Railways Receipt and the foodgrains are transported at the risk of Ministry of Food as a result thereof;

(c) if so, whether the Department is considering to construct weighing bridges at its own expenses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): The Railways issue `said to contain Railway Receipts` and would normally have no liability for shortages when the wagon seals remain intact.

(c) & (d):FCI has tried installing in-motion weighbridges at its own expenses, in a few selected locations and has found this not very encouraging due to operational and technical reasons.